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GRASSROOT INNOVATIONS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to promote and encourage local grassroot innovations helpful in daily life;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount earmarked for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government has set up the National Innovation Foundation in March, 2000.

(b) The objectives of the Foundation are :

(i) To help India become an inventive and creative society and a global leader in sustainable technologies by scouting, spawning and sustaining and promoting grassroots innovations.

(ii) To ensure evolution and diffusion of green grassroots innovations in a selective, time bound and mission oriented basis so as to meet the socio-economic and environmental needs of our society with full care to ensure that intellectual property and other rights of innovators are protected and they are active partner in the decision making process for the diffusion of innovations.

(iii) To provide and facilitate institutional support in scouting, spawning, sustaining and scalling up grassroots green innovations and helping their transition to self supporting activities, seeking self reliance through competitive advantage of innovation based enterprises and/or application of people generated sustainable technologies at grassroots level.